IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA

ORDER AMENDING INDIANA RULES OF EVIDENCE

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedure employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administrative procedures of all courts within this state, *Rule 1002* of the *Indiana Rules* of *Evidence* is amended to read as follows (deletions shown by striking and new text shown by underlining):

Rule 1002. Requirement of Original

To prove the content of a writing, recording, or photograph, the original writing, recording, or photograph is required, except as otherwise provided in these rules or by statute. An electronic record of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles obtained from the Bureau that bears an electronic or digital signature, as defined by statute, is admissible in a court proceeding as if the signature were an original.

These amendments shall take effect April 1, 2002.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this order to the Clerk of each Circuit Court in the state of Indiana; Attorney General of Indiana; Legislative Services Agency and its Office of Code Revision; Administrator, Indiana Supreme Court; Administrator, Indiana Court of Appeals; Administrator, Indiana Tax Court; Public Defender of Indiana; Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission; Indiana Supreme Court Commission for Continuing Legal Education; Indiana Board of Law Examiners;

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Indiana Judicial Center; Division of State Court Administration; the libraries of all law

schools in this state; the Michie Company; and the West Group.

The West Group is directed to publish this Order in the advance sheets of this

Court.

The Clerks of the Circuit Courts are directed to bring this Order to the attention of

all judges within their respective counties and to post this Order for examination by the

Bar and general public.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this _____ day of December, 2001.

Randall T. Shepard Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.

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